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# the Dragon and the Lamb

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! LEE KENDTER WINS AS TURKEY IN 1977K!!! This game is the first to be completed in D & L. For those of you who aren't too swift mentally, that also means that Lee is our very first winner. Now THAT is front page news!

ANOTHER EXTRA!! DON DITTER SHUNS AN UNSTOPPABLE VICTORY AS AUSTRIA IN 1977CQ!! That is also front page news, only for a different reason.

This issue features the year 1902 of DragonFire, with commentary by Mark Berch. Also, we will try to revive 1976EN, an orphan from Watergate, going again. Several friends of mine are playing in that game and I would hate to see it go down the tubes. I'm sure they would also as a couple of them have good positions going.

And we have LETTERS! It's about time you guys started demonstrating that you do indeed have some opinions. And don't be afraid that everyone will think you are all wet, most of your friends suspect as much anyway. Rod Walker and I have a nice little discussion going, with Craig Reges chiming in this time.

Also, if I have space and time, I will comment on "The Rulebook's Forgotten Sentence", an article by Mark Berch which appeared in the latest Diplomacy World.

And we have game openings!!! Since 1977K has ended and a couple more games appear to be winding down, we are opening up one new game. Interested parties should send in a preference list (as well as some dollars, please).

And yet another zine has announced that it is going to 4-week deadlines: Jerry Jones' Lies, Deceits, and Nefarious Schemes. Of all the zines in which I play, only Jim Benes' Dippy is still run on 3-week deadlines. Most players prefer the faster pace but publishers, understandably, prefer things more leisurely. John Michalski runs 2-week deadlines but that is a little too fast for me. I remember the good old days when you could play a game in about 13 months without feeling hurried. Nowadays it takes about 18 months, and you still don't feel hurried.

And now....to Dr. McLendon's chamber of horrors.

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1978?? DragonFireSpring, 1902

AUSTRIA (Swords) : A Tri-Vie, A Bud-Rum, F Alb (S) Italian F Ion-Gre, A Ser (S)  
Italian F Ion-Gre

ENGLAND (Schiwautz): A Nwy-Swe(anni), F Nth-Den, F Nwg-Nth, F Lon-Eng

FRANCE (Pyfrom) : F Por-Mid, A Mar-Bur, A Pic (S) A Mar-Bur, A Spa-Gas,  
A Par (S) A Mar-Bur

GERMANY (Morrison) : A Kie-Den, F Ber-Bal, A Bel-Ruh, F Hol-Bel, A Mun-Bur

ITALY (Sergeant) : F Ion-Gre, F Nap-Ion, A Ven-Tyo, A Tun-H

RUSSIA (Carson) : F StP(nc)-Nwy, F Swe (S) F StP(nc)-Nwy, A War-Gal,  
A Fin (S) F StP(nc)-Nwy, A Ukr-Rum, F Rum-Bla

TURKEY (Krauser) : A Bul-Gre, F Aeg (S) A Bul-Gre, A Con-Bul, A Ank-Smy

Fall, 1902

AUSTRIA: A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Rum, F Alb (S) Italian F Gre, A Ser-Bul

ENGLAND: F Eng-Bel, F Nth-Den, F Nwg-Nwy

FRANCE : A Pic (S) English F Eng-Bel, A Bur (S) Italian A Tyo-Mun,  
A Gas-Bre, A Par (S) A Bur, F Mid-NAt

GERMANY: A Kie-Den, F Bal (S) A Kie-Den, A Ruh (S) F Bel, F Bel-H,  
A Mun-Bur(r/Kie,Ber,Boh,Sil,OTB)

ITALY : F Gre (S) Austrian A Ser-Bul, F Ion-Aeg, A Tyo-Mun, A Tun-H

RUSSIA : F Nwy (S) F Swe-Ska, F Swe-Ska, A Fin (S) F Nwy, A Ukr-Rum,  
A Gal (S) A Ukr-Rum, F Bla (S) A Ukr-Rum

TURKEY : F Aeg C A Smy-Gre, A Smy-Gre, A Con (S) A Bul, A Bul (S)  
A Smy-Gre

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1902

Austria: (4) Home, Ser	EVEN
England: (3) Home, <del>Nwy</del>	EVEN (1 anni)
France : (5) Home, Spa, Por	EVEN
Germany: (5) <del>Nwy</del> , Kie, Ber, Hol, Bel, <u>Den</u>	EVEN
Italy : (6) Home, Tun, <u>Gre</u> , <u>Mun</u>	BUILD 2
Russia : (7) Home, Swe, Rum, <u>Nwy</u>	BUILD 1
Turkey : (4) Home, Bul	EVEN

Winter, 1902

Ger: A Mun r/Sil. Ita: Builds A Ven, F Nap Rus: Builds F StP(nc)

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Outlawing all atomic weapons could be a magnificent gesture. However, it should be remembered that Gettysburg had a local ordinance forbidding the discharge of firearms. --Homer D. King

DRAGONFIRE COMMENTARY by Mark Berch

Spring, 1902: I-A gets in gear as England appears to attack everybody!

The east has now clarified considerably. With I-A evacuating both Venice and Trieste to move east, and Italy accepting two Austrian supports in taking Greece, I-A is firmly set. However, the choice of Aus A Bud-Rum seems, in retrospect, pointless--blocking the unsupported Rus A War-Gal with A Bud-Gal would have been more useful. It is possible that Austria was promised Turkish aid for this attack. One question for the East is: F Rum-Bla? A Turkish stab is possible, but trying to get an army into Rumania to be used against Austria is more likely.

A far more intriguing question is posed by Ita A Ven-Tyo, which has three totally different possibilities for Fall:

1. An I/F assault on Munich. If so, who attacks and who merely supports?
2. A stab of Austria, falling on Tri, possibly in conjunction with F Gre (S) and F Ion C A Tun-Alb
3. A Tyo-Boh, to bolster the Austrian land defenses against the Russian.

The prognosticative reader may at this point wish to venture a private prediction.

The West finds Germany betrayed by England. His press was pro-English, and anti-Russian and -French. Yet Germany finds his A Kie-Den blocked again by F Nth-Den, and his dreams of A Den (S) F Bal-Swe are gone. He maneuvers armies to face France, but the latter is well prepared for this. England meanwhile has not even bothered to try to hold Nwy, contenting himself with the futile F Nwg-Nth. F Lon-Eng is the sole unit to move. This threatens Brest, but would England dare go to war with a third country?

Fall, 1902: Lesser powers stalled

1902 is clearly a triumph for Italian diplomacy. I-A debuted militarily in S'02; this Fall it is I-F we see. Not only has France evacuated Mar (in S'02) but in F'02 supports Italy into Munich. To add icing to the cake, F Mid-Nat, combined with no builds for France in W'02, removes any French naval threats. Readers of the Dragon and the Lamb are being treated to a rare exhibition of an Italy profoundly and successfully affecting both East and West in the opening game, something that Italy is uniquely qualified to do. Unable to directly attack his strongest rival, Russia, he instead attacks Russia's ally Germany. Russia had previously been able to rely on lack of German units to keep the Polish corridor unguarded. Now the danger of A Mun-Sil exists. Further, Italy can bring a second army to front at the same time that a fresh fleet is brought to bear against Russia's ally, Turkey, who will soon pay for building only one fleet.

The moves in the East are less decisive. I/A have thrown everything into the attack on Bulgaria, which could succeed only if Russia cut the support for Bul from A Con. The possibilities are thus: 1) F Bla-Con was promised, 2) The attack was Austria's price for help into Greece, 3) With Rus F Bla free to defend Bul as of W'02, the allies figured it was now or never

But the attack failed and the allies pay the price: both Aeg and Gal could have been taken in F'02.

Winter, 1902: Germans flee East

Italy builds one unit for each front, as Russia moves to seal his northern seas. England had two chances to move into the Barents with F Nwg and he wasted both of them. With Ska already filled, he has nowhere to go against Russia.

The German retreat, which leaves both Ber and Kie open, is baffling. I cannot believe that, under attack by E, F, and I, he would want to irritate Russia. Possibilities include 1) A Sil (S) F Bal-Ber, which guards Warsaw against Italian attack. However, this is an extravagant use of units, considering that Kie and Hol are open and Bel undefended; 2) Germany has agreed to puppet for a western power or alliance. S'03 should tell.

Commentary (cont'd)

With an alliance pattern of E-F-I-A vs. R-T-G, Russia has a tough decision with Turkey: Italy has Turkey outgunned 3 fleets to 1, and maneuvering Rus F Bla to Aeg to help will be difficult. Further, Italy has an army available (in Tun) for convoy duty. If Russia does not stab Turkey, Italy may get all of Turkey. On the other hand, such a stab would leave Russia dangerously under-allied and vulnerable to Austria. Possibly what he needs is a deal with France, whereby F Bla and the identically positioned Fre F NAT make their moves in the same season.

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1977K Armageddon Fall, 1909

THREE NATIONS OBLITERATED AS TURKEY GOBBLES ITALY!  
AND WINS!!!!!!!

ENGLAND (Zimmerman) : F Eng + F Por (S) F Mid, F Mid (S) Italian F Lyo-Spa(sc)(nso)  
F Bre-Gas, A Pic-Par, A Lon-Wal, A Ruh (S) A Mun,  
A Mun + F Bal (S) F Kie-Ber, F Kie-Ber, A StP-Mos,  
A Nwy-StP

FRANCE (Ditter) : A Bur (S) English A Mun

GERMANY (Sergeant) : No units

ITALY (Rogowski) : A Mar-Bur, A Pie-Mar, F Naf-Mid, F Lyo (S) F Tus-Pie,  
F Tus-Pie

RUSSIA (McElvaney): A Ber-H

TURKEY (Kendter, Sr.): F Spa(sc)-H, F Wes-Tun, F Tyr-Rom, F Ion-Nap, A Tyo-Ven,  
F Aeg-Ion, A Con-Bul, A Arm-Sev, A Mos-StP, A Pru-Ber,  
A Sil-Mun, A War-Lvn, A Boh (S) A Sil-Mun

SUPPLY CENTER CHART (FINAL)-----1909

ENGLAND: (15) Home, Nwy, Bel, Por, Hol, Swe, Bre, Kie, Den, StP,  
Mun, Ber, Par

FRANCE : (0) ~~Par~~

GERMANY: (0) ~~Mun~~

ITALY : (1) ~~Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Mar~~

RUSSIA : (0) ~~Ber~~

TURKEY : (18) Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Bud, Sev, Rum, Vie, War, Mos,  
Spa, Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun

Congratulations to Lee for his victory in a very fine game, and a special thanks to Don Ditter and John McElvaney for taking over two very beleaguered positions. In 1903, if someone had told me that France would last just as long as Germany I would have directed them to the nearest brain surgeon.

Next issue I plan to reprint this game in its entirety. I don't know if Don or John would have much to say, but I would greatly appreciate it if Jerry, Mark, Bob, and Lee would submit end of game comments; your own commentary, so to speak. We have quite a few newcomers in here and I am sure they would benefit by getting the total picture on a game of this calibre.

Final game report on next page.

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I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin deep. That's deep enough. What do you want, an adorable pancreas?--Jean Kerr

Final Report

Game: 1977K

Zine: the Dragon and the Lamb

GM: McLendon

A-J.H. Fleming(Out F04). E-Mark Zimmerman. F-Frank McIlvaine(res S04), Don Ditter(Out F09). G-Bob Sergeant(Out F09). I-Jerry Rogowski. R-Robin Smith(Dro S05) John McElvaney(Out F09). T-Lee Lendter,Sr(Win F 09)

	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>
AUSTRIA	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENGLAND	5	4	8	9	11	11	12	12	15
FRANCE	5	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	-
GERMANY	5	6	7	9	5	4	3	1	-
ITALY	4	6	3	3	4	4	4	5	1
RUSSIA	6	5	6	5	4	3	3	1	-
TURKEY	4	5	6	7	9	11	11	14	18 Wins!!

1977CQ

Thermopylae

Fall, 1910

AUSTRIA SHUNS VICTORY AS FRANCE GRINDS ON  
ENGLAND!!

AUSTRIA (Ditter) : F Ion-Tyr, F Aeg-Ion, F Con-Aeg, A Smy-Con, A Fin-Nwy,  
A StP (S) A Fin-Nwy, A Mos-H, A Lvn-H, A Tyo-H, A Mun-H,  
A Ruh-H, A Sil-H

ENGLAND (Sokol) : F Nwy (S) A Swe, A Swe (S) F Nwy, F Den-Bal, F Hel-Den,  
F Lpl-H(r/Cly,OTB), A Edi (S) F Lpl, F Lon-H

FRANCE (Morrison): F Nth-Edi, A Gas-Lpl, F Mid + F Iri C A Gas-Lpl, A Pic-Wal,  
F NAt (S) A Gas-Lpl, F Eng C A Pic-Wal, A Hol (S) A Kie,  
A Kie (S) A Hol, F Bel-Nth

SUPPLY-CENTER CHART

1910

Austria: (16) Home, Ser, Rum, Ven, War, Mos, Sev, Gre, Bul,  
Mun, StP, Con, Smy, Ank

BUILD 3 (1 short)

England: (5) Lon, ~~LpX~~, Edi, Nwy, Swe, Den, ~~XpX~~

REMOVE 2

France : (13) Home, Spa, Por, Tun, Rom, Nap, Ber, Bel, Kie,  
Lpl, Hol

BUILD 3 (was 1 short)

Winter, 1910 and Spring, 1911 orders are due by the deadline date.

-----1977CQ Press-----

Vienna-Paris: The game will end in a 17-17 draw. Our alliance has been too long  
and prosperous for anything less. //That just...(choke)...brings tears to my eyes/

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You can get much further with a kind word and a gun than you can with a kind  
word alone. --Al Capone

It's far easier to forgive an enemy after you've gotten even with him.--Olin  
Miller

1977FL Cynoscephalae Fall, 1908

TURKS GAIN ON GERMANS, BUT IS IT ENOUGH???????

AUSTRIA(Sergeant): A Mos r/Lvn. A Lvn-Mos  
ENGLAND(Morrison): F Yor-Edi, F Nwg (S) F Yor-Edi  
GERMANY (Sokol) : F Bal-Swe, F Den-Nth, F Kie-Hel, F Lon-Yor, A Gas-Spa,  
A Edi-H(r/Cly,Lpl,OTB), F Mid (S) A Gas-Spa, A Bur-Mar,  
A Pie (S) A Tyo, A Tyo (S) A Pie  
ITALY (Hayman) : NMR! F Spa(sc)-H(r/Por,Lyo,Wes,OTB), A Tus-H, F Apu-H,  
A Rom-H, A Ven-H  
RUSSIA (Machir) : A Sev-H(anni), A Ukr + A Mos (S) A Sev, A War-Gal,  
A Vie (S) A War-Gal(r/Boh,OTB)  
TURKEY (Berch) : F Ion-Tyr, F Aeg-Ion, A Tri-Vie, A Bud (S) A Tri-Vie,  
F Arm-Sev, A Rum (S) F Arm-Sev, F Bla (S) F Arm-Sev,  
A Gal-Ukr

SUPPLY CENTER CHART -----1908

Austria: (1)	Tun, <del>Mos</del>	EVEN
England: (1)	Edi, <del>Swe</del>	REMOVE 1
Germany: (13)	Home, Den, Bel, Bre, Par, Hol, Mar, <del>Rom</del> , Lon, Lpl, Swe, Spa	BUILD 3
Italy : (5)	Ven, <u>Rom</u> , Nap, <del>Swe</del> , Por, Tri	EVEN
Russia : (4)	<u>Mos</u> , War, StP, <del>Swe</del> , Nwy, <del>Swe</del>	EVEN (or +1)
Turkey : (10)	Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Bud, Rum, <u>Sev</u> , <u>Vie</u>	BUILD 2

Due to the complexity of the upcoming adjustments, Winter, 1908 only will be due by the deadline date. (See pg. 14)

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1977HP Trafalgar Spring, 1908

WESTERN POSITION BECOMES EVEN MORE PERILOUS!

AUSTRIA (Crockett) : Builds F Tri. A Lvn-StP, A Mos (S) A Lvn-StP, A Mun-Sil,  
A Boh (S) A Mun-Sil, A Tyo-Mun, F Tri-Alb, A Bul-H,  
A Rum-Gal, F Ion-Tun, F Mid-Por(r/Gas,NAf,OTB)  
ENGLAND (McElvaney): A StP-H, A Fin (S) A StP, F Spa(sc)-H(anni), F Nwg-Nat,  
F Por (S) F Spa(sc), F Iri-Mid, F Eng (S) F Iri-Mid,  
A Sil-War  
GERMANY (Kodman) : A Mar r/OTB. A Bre-H, A Kie-Mun, A Bur (S) A Kie-Mun,  
A Ruh (S) A Kie-Mun, A Ber (S) A Kie-Mun, F Swe-H,  
F Bal (S) English A StP-Lvn(nso)  
ITALY (Kelly) : Builds F Rom. F Rom-Tyr, F Mar-Spa(sc), A Pie-Mar,  
F Lyo + F Wes (S) F Mar-Spa(sc), A Tus-Pie, A Con-Smy,  
F Bla-Con

Fall, 1908 orders are due by the deadline date.

-----1977HP Press-----

Munich: Franz David left Munich on his white horse waving to the weeping crowd. It seems Munich now wishes to remain Austrian as Adolph Kodman doesn't give free beer away as Franz David does. Franz David has vowed to return and free this oppressed peoples.

1977KQ

Apollyon

Fall, 1905

FRENCH STAGNATE FOR 5th STRAIGHT YEAR!!  
 TURKS TAKE A NAP, BUT SO WHAT???????????

AUSTRIA (Carpenter): A War (S) Turkish A Mos-Lvn(nso), A Gal-Sil, A Ven-Tri,  
 A Tvo (S) A Boh-Mun(nso), A Tus-Rom, A Boh-H(u/o)

ENGLAND (Pyfrom) : F Edi r/Yor. F StP(nc)-Nwy(r/Bar,OTB), F Lon-Eng,  
 F Wal (S) F Lon-Eng, F Yor-Nth

FRANCE (Carson) : F Eng-Mid, F Bre (S) F Eng-Mid, A Gas (S) A Spa, A Spa-H,  
 A Bur (S) German A Kie-Mun(nso)

GERMANY (Wolfskill): A Fin-Stp, F Nwy (S) A Fin-StP, F Nwg-Nth, A Sil-Mun,  
 F Edi (S) F Nwg-Nth, A Kie (S) A Sil-Mun, A Pru-Lvn

ITALY (Kendter,Sr): F Alb-Gre

TURKEY (Hayman) : NMR! F Nap-H, F Lyo-H, F Wes-H, F Tyr-H, F Ion-H, F Aeg-H,  
 A Con-H, A Ukr-H, A Mos-H

## SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1905

Austria: (7) Home, <del>Edi</del> , Ser, Ven, War, <u>Rom</u>	BUILD 1 (was 1 short)
England: (2) Lon, Lpl, <del>Edi</del> , <del>StP</del>	REMOVE 2
France : (6) Home, Spa, Por, Bel	EVEN
Germany: (9) Home, Den, Hol, Swe, Nwy, <u>Edi</u> , <u>StP</u>	BUILD 1(will be 1 short)
Italy : (1) <del>Rom</del> , <u>Gre</u>	EVEN
Turkey : (9) Home, Bul, Rum, Sev, Tun, Nap, Mos	EVEN

Winter, 1905 and Spring, 1906 orders are due by the deadline date. (See Pg. 14)

-----1977KQ Press-----

Paris-Ankara: It's too bad you're playing Turkey, Hayman, because it shows you have no class. The stripe down your back clashes with the color of your pieces.

Greece: The Italians' last breath was uttered today. "Why were the others so stupid to not see what was happening."

New Masters of Rome to the Ancien Regime: Thank you, merci milli fois, for taking the way out of the Gentilehomme.

Vienna: We hope to hear our troops singing in the beer halls of München.

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NEWS OF THE REALM

IN THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

Neal D. Newby, Jr. of the Department of Physics, Edinboro State College in Pennsylvania, has written a most learned paper on "Mud thrown from a wheel: a critical speed." The reason I bring up this matter is that this is Nobel Prize season.

Jack Daniels Band Outlawed in Oklahoma

Oklahomans have been able to drink Jack Daniels whiskey since the state's dry law was repealed in 1959, but they still can't listen to the Jack Daniels Original Silver Coronet Band. That would violate state law.

The attorney general's office ruled the band cannot appear at the Allied Arts Program at Northeastern Oklahoma State University because that would constitute

liquor advertising, which is against the law in Oklahoma.

"We are deeply disappointed that the Jack Daniels band will not be here tonight, because the band represents a type of music which is uniquely American," said W. Roger Webb, NEOSU president.

The 14-piece, 1890s-style band specializes in playing the works of John Phillip Sousa.

(How about THAT, John Michalski!)

1978??

Apocalypse

Spring, 1902

F/G IN SOLID SWING, BUT WHAT GIVES WITH A/T??

AUSTRIA (Sherwood) : F Gre-Aeg, A Ser-Gre, A Tri-Ser, A Vie-Gal, A War-Mos,  
A Bud (S) A Vie-Gal

ENGLAND (Verheiden) : A Nwy (S) Russian F GoB-Swe(nso), F Nth-H, F Eng-Mid

FRANCE (Shreve) : F Mar-Lyo, A Spa-Mar, F Por-Mid, F Bre (S) F Por-Mid,  
A Pic-Par, A Tyo (S) Austrian A Tri-Ven(nsu)

GERMANY (Kendter, Sr.) : F Den-Nth, F Kie-Hel, A Hol (S) A Bel, A Bel (S) A Hol,  
A Mun-Tyo, A Ber-Mun

ITALY (Machir) : F Tun-Wes, F Nap-Tyr, A Pie-Mar, A Rom-Ven

RUSSIA (Zornow) : A Rum-Ukr, F Sev-Rum, F GoB C A Fin-Lvn, A Fin-Lvn

TURKEY (Ledder) : F Smy-Aeg, A Con-Arm, A Bul-Rum, F Bla C A Con-Arm

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### LETTERS

From George Pyfrom:

Enjoyed your reprint of the AW&ST editorial. As a professional military man, the actions of the President have worried me. I still don't think he has gotten the message about meaning what he says, and firing anyone who publicly disagrees (ie., Singlaub). I do make a point of disagreeing as a citizen, and not from my AF position.

//Carter's motto: When I want your opinion, I'll give it to you.//

From Craig Reges:

Re: Rod Walker's latest letter on UFOs, in D&L #24.

The statement that we have nothing to fear from alien microorganisms because all disease producers are species specific is totally false. Example abound. Rabies can infect both dogs and humans. Black Plague is just as bad for rats as it is for humans. The Coliform bacteria can cause disease in about any animal from the standpoint of the fact that they are a toxin producer. Botulism will affect any animal that ingests the botulinum toxin. Amoebic dysentery can affect a wide variety of animals, and is caused by a protozoa.

It would be hard not to worry about foreign infection. Do not forget that every trip to the moon was followed by an isolation chamber, and it wasn't because they might have bad breath, either.

Craig Reges  
Graduate Student  
Zoology Department



From Rod Walker:

D&L 24 received. I know what you mean about letters. No 'zine ever seems to generate very many. GRAUSTARK used to get quite a few, as did BRODDINGNAG, but in general lettercols in the DIPLOMACY press have not been over full.

I don't see that one must select any sort of extreme example in discussing what humanity might (or might not) learn from an alien race. Let's simply assume a carbon-based, oxygen-breathing, bisexual humanoid race. Let me suggest two problems which will almost certainly exist...three, in fact.

1. Similar biologies do not necessarily yield similar cultures. Look at our own planet. Our cultures are enormously diverse, even to the point of linguistic anomalies which boggle the mind. The Navaho, for instance, do not decline verbs in time-sense (past, present, future) as we do. They differentiate time by the degree of probability that the speaker personally witnessed the event. On another planet, given the inevitable differences in virtually everything, and the consequent cultural responses, I don't see those responses as offering us much here. I don't deny the possibility, but I believe we must face up to the improbability.

2. Even if another culture could help offer solutions, it must understand the problems. How well would an alien relate to our difficulties? Would he even regard them as difficulties at all? Assume, for instance, a culture with a single dominant female, a few males, and vast swarms of worker neuters...such as the society of an ant or bee. A member of such a society would view our social and economic problems as no problems at all.

3. Assuming, however, a society with relevant solutions and understanding envoys, what do you believe our reaction will be? Do you seriously believe that humanity's cultures, so unwilling to learn from each other, will learn from aliens? Each of our major cultural groups believes that the others will be all right if they adopt its methods, and that its problems will vanish with just a little more determined application of those same social mechanisms. I suggest our reaction to any alien suggestions would be even more negative than our reaction to suggestions from other cultures.

A final...and ultimate...barrier. You are assuming that man is a perfectable being. If that were true, the perfect societies envisioned by the Buddha, by Jesus, by Muhammad, by Plato, by countless others, would have long since materialized. We do not really lack for solutions to our problems. We lack the ability to carry them into effect. Whatever we learn from alien cultures will doubtless be put to uniquely human (and uniquely American, Russian, Chinese, German, Nigerian, Mexican, &c.) uses. Consider well how our race operates: The Inquisition invoked Jesus. Stalin invoked Lenin. Goldwater has invoked Lincoln. Paul invoked Peter. The Democrats invoke Jefferson. Whatever we touch, we distort. If I were an alien, I wouldn't touch us with a 10-ell pole.

"Man is a product of centuries on this planet and his basic nature will never change....". I'd make that more emphatic. Man is a product of thousands of millenia on this planet and his basic nature will never change. It might, in the course of equal numbers of millenia in a different environment.

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I have no doubt that it will someday be "emphatically and convincingly demonstrated to [Man] that he is indeed a very small and insignificant part of this universe." I doubt that this will produce any effect other than to stimulate us to work our butts off to take the universe over. We are a predator race. We are probably not the only one, and perhaps we're not the best one, either. That has never stopped any of our kind before. If we're #2, we'll try harder and the only good alien is a dead alien. I don't approve; I merely observe.

Of course I could be dead wrong, too. Speculation is fun for its own sake, and we are lucky that we can do it for the sheer enjoyment. Fortunately we do not have the awesome responsibility of transforming our speculations into policy. I still suspect that two things are true: the reality of the universe beyond our sphere will surprise us and other intelligent species would be well advised to put us in quarantine.

The article Ron Kelly sent you must have been a lulu...as with all such crap. There use to be...and probably still are...a raft of people who make their livings writing phoney "true" articles. A very large percentage of the "true confessions" type articles used to be written by men under female names...and many, many "adventure" stories supposedly authored by men were written by women. Nor is that sort of writing dead. I am preparing to break into the "feminist" fiction market under a female name, and I suspect that I'm not the only male writer with that idea. The "UFO" articles are probably mostly the same sort of deal. They are written to make a buck and truth is, far from being even a secondary consideration, is no consideration at all. What is true is that if you tell a big enough lie, there are always some people who will not only believe it but believe it passionately enough to regard it as gospel.

Intelligent life there certainly is out there. Interstellar craft no doubt cruise the solar system regularly. But consider: we already have very sophisticated viewing equipment which enables us to detect and "see" things quite far away. How much more sophisticated must there equipment be...I doubt they have to come anywhere near this planet...must less to the surface...in order to know exactly what is going on here. The notion that we are the subject of such intense scrutiny as the "UFO" nuts must believe is not only ludicrous, it is the height of paranoid self-importance. After all...how often would you bother to look in on a tribe of semisavage aborigines of revolting personal habits?

Apparently nobody sees what Kissinger saw: the next great war will be between China and Russia. The Soviets are desperate: their chances of winning are barely 50-50 now and declining steadily. Kissinger's policy was to bolster them up but to keep them tractable by seeming to cuddle up to China. I can't tell if Carter is following that policy or not. He ought to, but the rhetoric of his administration has thrown up a smoke screen that is difficult (for me at least) to fathom.

Best,



//My example was simply to illustrate that if help cannot be excluded for the extreme, then hope should be even moreso retained for the similar.

Linguistics, I believe, would be the least of our problems. You expound on the basic differences that would exist between ours and an alien culture. But you

describe these differences from the human perspective. Just because we cannot relate to other cultures, just because we cannot understand or appreciate others' problems, it does not follow that other races cannot do it either.

It matters little whether or not we would be able to understand an alien culture. What is important is that THEY be able to understand US. When we were children did we understand the world of our parents? Of course not. But we were still able to learn, mostly by imitation. And that still holds true now that we are adults. We imitate (to a degree) those we greatly respect and admire. What we need is a race that, once again, will make us feel like we are still children.

Regarding life elsewhere, I recall the old logic: Since there are untold billions of stars and planets out there, do not the sheer laws of probability mandate myriads of intelligent civilizations in our universe? I am sure, <sup>you</sup> subscribe to this logic, not too many refute it.

But I take it a step further. Out of the countless of thousands of intelligent civilizations which must truly exist, is there not one that is capable of understanding and helping Man?

Let me depart from the subject (I'm through with it for now) and pass on a couple of interesting tidbits I ran across:

- 1) Did you know that the Bible (written thousands of years ago) plainly says that the Earth is round? Read Isaiah 41:22
- 2) That the Bible says that there are beings out there? "Rejoice, ye heavens (not Heaven), and ye that dwell in them....." (Rev. 12:12)

I do not know if you put much credence in Biblical teachings, but I thought these two items were worth mentioning.

How did you come up with that last paragraph? You think the most powerful nation in the world is desparate? For what? Seems to me that things have never been so good for the Soviets. Russia, and her Eastern bloc puppets, could easily win any war with the Chinese. Her uncertainty lies in what we would do in case of said war. A very real fear of a preemptive Soviet strike forced the Chinese into the unprecedented gesture of issuing an official invitation to an American president and gaining a measure of rapproachment with the United States.

Even Russia does not pretend to be able to whip both us and China. But give them another ten years and they may be so bold.

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1976EN Derelict Spring, 1907

Positions after Spring, 1907:

ENGLAND: F StP(sc), F Swe, F Nwy, F Wal, F Nth

FRANCE: A Bre, A Par

GERMANY: A Bur, A Pic, A Kie

ITALY: A Mar, A Ser, A Vie, F Mid, F NAt, F Spa(sc), A Pie, F Tyr, F Por, A Tri

RUSSIA: F Ber, A Gal, A Pru, A Mos

TURKEY: A Bud, F Rum, F Adr, A Ukr, A Bul, F Gre, A Sev

Supply Centers Owned:

England: (5) Lon, Edi, Den, Nwy, Swe

France: (4) Par, Bre, Bel, Lpl

Germany: (3) Mun, Kie, Hol

Italy: (10) Home, Tun, Tri, Spa, Mar, Bul, Vie, Por

Russia: (5) Mos, War, StP, Bud, Ber

Turkey: (7) Home, Ser, Gre, Sev, Rum

Player assignments and addresses will be found on the next page.

1976EN (cont'd)

From what I understand, this game has been plagued with NMRs. We will try to remedy that here. First order of business will be to replace those players who have dropped out. I have definite commitments from three players to continue:

Germany: John Kador, 20 Hilltop Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Italy: Mark Berch, 492 Naylor Place, Alexandria, VA 22304  
Turkey: John Sokol, 147 Virginia Ave, Uniontown, PA 19135

The English and Russian players have dropped out, so I ask the following people to take over those positions:

England: Ron Kelly, 6038 Richmond Hwy, Apt. 314, Alexandria, VA 22303  
Russia: Pat Carson, 17617 Prince Edward Dr, Olney, MD 20832

The other player may or may not continue as I have received no word from him:

France: David Mueth, 202 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth, Fla 33460

So, I ask Bill Schiwautz, 1342 N. Crescent Hts, Los Angeles, CA 90046 to please send in standby orders for France.

The game will not continue until I have players for all positions. And John Kador and David Mueth need to send me a sub if they are to continue.

Fall, 1907 orders are due by the deadline date.

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A REPLY TO MARK BERCH'S "The Rulebooks Forgotten Sentence"

The sentence in question, quoted from the Diplomacy Rulebook, reads "A badly written order, which nevertheless can have only one meaning, must be followed." Mark then illustrates, through four examples, how most GMs ignore this sentence in their adjudications. I will give my comments on each of Mark's four points. So dig out your Diplomacy World so you can understand my comments as referenced to Mark's.

- 1) **PLAYER FAILS TO STATE NATIONALITY OF FOREIGN UNIT HE IS SUPPORTING.**  
If one would read Rule IX,1 carefully he would see that stating the nationality of a foreign unit is required. The particular section reads:  
"To order a support, it is necessary to write the location of the supporting piece, the word "supports" or its equivalent, and both the location and destination of the piece receiving support. The letter "S" may be used to mean supports. Thus, A Tyr-Mun, A Bur S A Tyr-Mun; or for units of another country, A Sil S RUSSIAN A War-Pru."  
If stating nationality were not required, what is the Rulebook's purpose for drawing special attention to it, as in the last part of the last sentence? (The underlining is mine, to accentuate the part in question).
- 2) **PLAYER FAILS TO STATE COAST UNIT IS LEAVING FROM.**  
I agree. And my Houserules specifically state that, where there is no doubt, the coast designation may be omitted.
- 3) **PLAYER MISSTATES THE COAST UNIT IS LEAVING FROM.**  
Again, I agree. And I will not penalize a player for misstating a coast that my Houserules do not require in the first place.
- 4) **PLAYER MISLABELS AN ARMY FOR A FLEET, OR VICE VERSA.**  
I think precedent has been set sufficiently throughout the hobby that the "A" and "F" designations are required. Even the Rulebook uses the "A" and "F" designators throughout its examples. Nowhere does it say these designators may be omitted.

REPLY (cont'd)

The examples do not constitute rules per se, you declare? That may be, but the only deviations from the examples that the Rulebook specifically allows are: 1) the coast designation and 2) particular abbreviations.

At the 1975 DipCon in Chicago, I miswrote an order: A Lyo-Mar. As Head Gamesmaster, Allen B. Calhamer himself ruled the order invalid and illegal. And if a player mislabels his As and Fs, I will likewise so rule.

## Washington Roundup

### SALT Sellers

Administration of President Jimmy Carter is embarked on "selling SALT 2 in a telephone and buttonhole operation that would make fast-talking salesmen pale," according to one top-level U.S. official. He added that a carefully directed and coordinated SALT treaty promotional effort is in progress to bombard Congress and news media before the agreement is signed. While President Carter is making preparations for a Washington summit meeting with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in December to sign the treaty, he is still asking his national security and Defense Dept. advisers why the U.S. needs a strategic weapons triad of ICBMs, bombers and submarine-launched ballistic missiles.

Some of his advisers are "extremely upset over [Carter's] naivete. They believe he is moving the country steadily toward a dyad of SLBMs and cruise missiles," one Administration official said. He added that if the President wanted the MX advanced mobile ICBM program to be killed, one way would be to delay the program by offering Congress a common missile for both ICBMs and SLBMs and to move away from multiple aim point basing of ICBMs for survivability. The President has taken both these actions in recent weeks, the official pointed out. This will avoid a congressional confrontation, the White House believes, at a time when the SALT ratification will be in the balance.

### Air Defense

Meanwhile, U.S. reconnaissance satellites detected the installation of the SA-10 air defense system on ships being constructed in a yard near Murmansk (AW&ST Nov. 11, 1974, p. 15). U.S. officials believe the Russians are deploying the SA-10 on ships to provide air defense barriers far off the Soviet coastline against U.S. wide-body cruise missile carrier aircraft and making their cargoes of air-launched cruise missiles more readily detectable while still at higher altitudes. In order to reach inland targets in the USSR, the air-launched cruise missiles must fly part of the way at a high altitude and drop to terrain-following profiles in the target vicinity. The Russians would use the ships to form an air defense barrier with the SA-10 belts, and MiG-25 Foxbat interceptors would be used for close-in intercepts of cruise missiles.

### Bomber Position

Another facet of the SALT 2 agreement scheduled for signature in December is the agreement by both sides that the Soviet Tupolev Backfire bomber will not be counted in the "heavy bomber category unless it carries air-launched cruise missiles with a range greater than 600 km." The Russians have indicated that making an informal declaration outside the contractual substance of the SALT 2 treaty is acceptable, possibly in letter form (AW&ST Sept. 4, p. 24). The declaration will be that it is not their intention to increase the Backfire production rate above the present level, which they refuse to disclose. That level is estimated at 30-50 a year. This Soviet move comes at a time when the Backfire assembly plant at Kazan has been expanded. Another plant with 800,000 sq. ft. of space has been built next door.

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If your parents didn't have any children, there's a good chance that you won't have any either. --Clarence Day

**Strange Count**

The heavy bomber definition is causing problems within the Defense Dept. Under the negotiated SALT agreement, aging B-52s in the boneyard and B-1 research and development aircraft are counted in the total. One official noted: "This means that B-52s, which would require over a year to upgrade and make useful, would have the same weight in the overall numbers as a Russian SS-18 ICBM, which could be launched in a little over 4 min. against the U.S., and B-1s, which will later be gathering dust in hangars, will also count the same as ICBMs or SLBM launchers." Most of the points holding up conclusion of the SALT 2 treaty and its protocol have been eliminated, according to U.S. officials. Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko has called off range constraints on air-launched cruise missiles. Those have been a bone of contention between the U.S. and USSR since shortly after the tentative Vladivostok agreement, with the Russians insisting that air-launched cruise missiles be limited to 2,500 km. (1,350 mi.). Gromyko waved his hand at U.S. negotiators and told them: "You can fly your air-launched cruise missiles around the world if you like."

That gesture from the Soviet Union came just one week after the Russians successfully shot down one of their own drones simulating the flight profile of a U.S. cruise missile. A MiG-25 interceptor in the Soviet fleet detected, tracked and fired a missile that fused against the target drone flying below 200-ft. altitude. This test was one of a number run against cruise missile flight profiles.

—Washington Staff

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Almost forgot! Will Jerry Rogowski, 22405 Foxcroft, Woodhaven, MI 48183 please send in standby orders for Italy in 1977FL; and Don Ditter, 2602 Westerland, Houston, Texas 77063 standby orders for Turkey in 1977KQ.  
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